



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus & Peckenpaugh
2030 Main Street, Suite 1200
Irvine, CA 92614

Re: Response to FOIA Requests by Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus & Peckenpaugh dated July 16 and 22, 2013 (EPA-R9-2013-008542 and -008344)

Dear Sirs:

The EPA Region 9 Quality Assurance Office has few if any documents in its files from the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (the District) from 2005 on. In 2002, the District submitted a QA Program Plan (QAPrP) that was approved, under which it is currently operating. On July 18, 2013, the District submitted a QAPP to our office and to the QA office of the California Air Resources Board, the Primary Quality Assurance Organization (PQAO) under whose oversight the District operates. Matt Plate of my office is currently working on the review.

As I read one QA request, item 5 in the letter dated 7/22, 2013, you are asking for any documentation, "combining CARB's Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) and the District's Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) into a single document in accordance with EPA requirements", that does not relate to any EPA QA existing or required document. Neither EPA nor Region 9 has a requirement to the effect that the CARB QAP must be combined with the District's QAPP into a single document. Therefore, the QA Office cannot respond to that request.

Matt Plate has printed email correspondence with staff in the EPA Region 9 Air Quality Analysis Office (AIR-7), CARB and GBUAPCD relating to a Technical System Audit and the 2002 QAPP. He has also copied them and other files (excel spread sheets) onto a DVD. I am including both formats with this correspondence. I am also including a copy of CARB's Quality Management Plan that was approved in 2013 on a DVD.

Sincerely,

Eugenia McNaughton, Ph.D., Manager
Quality Assurance Office